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1. SOCIAL COMITE REPORT ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS (ITEM 7) WILL BE CONSIDERED BY ECOSOC PLENARY EARLY IN WEEK OF MAY 5. IN THIS CONNECTION MISSION WOULD LIKE TO ALERT DEPT THAT IF CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS STAND, US MAY BE COMPLETELY ISOLATED IN VOTING ON FOLLOWING RESES:

A. WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION--IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REF (A), US CALLED FOR SEPARATE VOTE ON OP PARA 2 WHICH WAS SUB-SEQUENTLY APPROVED 46-1(US)-0. RES AS WHOLE THEN APPROVED 46-0-1 (US).

B. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT--US NOT PRESENT WHEN VOTE BEGAN IN SOCIAL COMITE AND THUS UNABLE TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS TO CALL FOR VOTE. RES APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.

2. WITH REGARD TO (A) ABOVE, OP PARA 2 "ENDORSES THE VIEWS SET OUT IN THE STATEMENT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION" (E/CN.5/L.420) WHICH, INTER ALIA, READS "THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, THE DECLARATION ON SOCIAL PROGRESS AND
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CONTINUE TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL AND INTER-
NATIONAL ACTION." OTHER WEOS CONSIDER PHRASE "AS
ADOPTED" IN PREAMBULAR REFERENCE TO NIEO AND CERDS AS
COVERING THEIR RESERVATIONS TO THESE DOCUMENTS AND THUS SUPPORTED
DRAFT RES IN SOCIAL COMITE. IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE THEY THEN
SPELLED OUT THEIR RESERVATIONS ON NIEO AND CERDS. THEY PREPARED
TO DO LIKEWISE IN PLANARY AND, AS REPORTED EARLIER (USUN 1233),
IN GENERAL CONSIDER US POSITION TOO INFLEXIBLE. IN MISSION'S
VIEW FORMULATION IN RES (I.E., "AS ADOPTED") IS ACCEPTABLE AND
IN PLENARY WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO HAVE RES APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
OR, PREFERABLY, WITHOUT VOTE. WE COULD THEN RESTATE OUR RESERVA-
TIONS IN SUBSEQUENT EXPLANATION OF VOTE.

3. WITH REGARD TO RES ON CAIPTAL PUNISHMENT, INFORMAL WEO MEET-
ING ON MAY 2 CONFIRMED THAT IF RES IS PUT TO VOTE, THEY WILL SUP-
PORT IT. SEVERAL (INCLUDING UK, AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN) EXPRESSED
STRONG DESIRE THAT US NOT CALL FOR A VOTE. IN THEIR VIEW,
PHRASING OF OP PARA 1 IS AMBIGUOUS ENOUGH TO PERMIT THEIR ACCEPT-
ING REFERENCE "WITH A VIEW TO THE DESIRABILITY OF ABOLISHING THIS
PUNISHMENT." MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WE MAKE CLEAR STATEMENT OF
EXPLANATION BEFORE THE VOTE EXPLAINING REASONS WHY WE UNABLE TO
TAKE POSITION ON THIS QUESTION AT THIS TIME AND THAT OUR NOT IN-
ISSTING ON A VOTE SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS EITHER APPROVING OR
DISAPPROVING THE SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION OF THE DESIRABILITY OF ABO-
LISHING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.
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